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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

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IRMA NOEMI RECINOS, Plaintiff))) (III.ED) (IVIL ACTION NO. 04-11134-NG
v.	,)
SPORTWEAR, INC. Defendant.)

ANSWER OF DEFENDANT

The Defendant Sportswear Store, Inc. hereby answers the numbered paragraphs of the Complaint as follows:

- 1. Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegation set forth in Paragraph 1 of the Complaint as to the location of the Plaintiff's residence.
- 2. Defendant's admit the allegations in Paragraph 2 of the Complaint except to the extent that the proper name of the Defendant is Sportswear Store, Inc.
 - 3. Defendant's admit the allegations in Paragraph 3 of the Complaint.
 - 4. Defendant's deny the allegations in Paragraph 4 of the Complaint.
 - 6. Defendant's deny the allegations in Paragraph 6 of the Complaint.
- 7. The allegations in Paragraph 7 state legal conclusions to which no responsive pleading is required. To the extent they are factual allegations, they are denied.
- 8. The allegations in Paragraph 8 state legal conclusions to which no responsive pleading is required. To the extent they are factual allegations, they are denied.

DEFENSES

FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiff's claims are barred under the applicable statute of limitations.

SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiff's claims are barred under the doctrine of laches.

THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Under the circumstances of the case, the Defendant had no obligation to hire the Plaintiff.

FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Defendant reserves the right to supplement its defenses upon further discovery of this case.

Defendant

SPORTSWEAR STORE, INC.

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